

EVENT GUIDELINES

Interpretive Reading

- Each participant will read a passage of prose or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit.
- The use of facial expressions and gestures is encouraged as the competitor feels appropriate but should not distract from the primary emphasis. No props may be used.
- Each speech should be 5 to 11 minutes, including a brief introduction of 30 to 60 seconds. The introduction should give background of the author and work, and some indication of the particular interest or appeal of the selection.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going under 5 minutes or over 11 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

Impromptu Speaking

- Each speaker will choose one of three topics, which may be a word, a question, or a phrase—anything not related to current events. He/she/they will speak on it without the use of notes. Wit, humor, philosophy, sentiment, or absurdity are all equally welcome. Judges will be looking for some agility and, above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate with style and originality.
- Each speaker will have 2 minutes to prepare. Speakers may sit or stand while preparing and may take notes, although these may not be used in the speech.
- Each speaker will have 3 to 5 minutes to speak. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes, with a 15 second grace period allowed.

After-Dinner Speaking

- Each speaker must deliver an address that is designed to entertain as well as to inform.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speaker may choose to address an imaginary, identifiable audience.
- The speech should be 5 to 7 minutes long. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 5 minutes or over 7 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.
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Persuasive Speaking

- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic.
- A problem + solution approach must be taken.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speech should be from 7 to 10 minutes in length. A time penalty will be assessed for going under 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.
- Salutation is optional.

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INTERPRETIVE READING

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Scoring Guidelines

70-79: Average 80-89: Very Good 90-95: Superb

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| CATEGORY | SCORE |
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| Quality and Helpfulness of Introduction [max = 10] | |
| Overcoming Manuscript [max = 10] | |
| Understanding of Selection [max = 10] | |
| Pace and Timing [max = 10] | |
| Enunciation and Clarity of Presentation [max = 20] | |
| Voice Melody and Rhythm [max = 20] | |
| Overall Appeal to Listener [max = 20] | |
| TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100] | |

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| Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation | Time Penalty (if any): _____ |
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Rank in Room: _____

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| Thoughtful, logical organization of speech [max = 10] | |
| Quality of information [max = 30] | |
| Originality of entertainment [max = 30] | |
| Delivery [max = 30] | |
| TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100] | |

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| Adherence to statement of topic [max = 10] | |
| Organization [max = 20] | |
| Appeal to audience [max = 20] | |
| Aptness of supporting material [max = 20] | |
| Delivery (e.g. voice, eye contact, gestures) [max = 30] | |
| TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100] | |

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| Analysis of problem; knowledge of topic [max = 30] | |
| Persuasiveness of conclusion; logic, appeal [max = 20] | |
| Originality of approach [max = 20] | |
| Delivery [max = 30] | |
| TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100] | |

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TECHNICAL REMINDERS FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT

1. Our tournament will take place in Zoom rooms in virtual space, but in real time. Please be sure to arrive at the main event Zoom room at least 15 minutes before the start of the tournament to ensure connectivity and to prepare for roll call of schools. Each school's coach/judge will confirm their roster of participants' have Zoom access. Competitors will return to this main room 10 minutes before each proceeding event.
2. To be admitted to the Zoom event, all competitors and judges must use a school email address. As Stewart Thomsen noted: Please no WolfmanJackie@gmail.com. We will need to have names that match school email names easily, especially if we need to reach someone during the tournament.
3. There will be no observers allowed into break out competition rooms in our virtual format, as we need to limit the number of moving parts this first time around. Only participants and key tournament supporters will have access to the event proceedings.
4. On the day of debate, October 4, we will need to have you provide final confirmation of any name changes or dropped competitors. Here is my email address: ksuchenski@sbschool.org; I will send a tournament dedicated cell phone number closer to the tournament.
5. As with all DANEIS tournaments, students may bring their phones for self-timing; it is strictly understood that teams may not consult reference materials of any kind (electronic or otherwise) during their impromptu preparation time, nor read their original speeches (AD and Persuasive) from their phones or devices. We can only maintain the integrity of the proceedings if each competitor honors these rules.

Finally, and foremost, thank you to the DANEIS League president, David Conti, and virtual tournament pioneers Stewart Thomsen and Peter Weis for their generosity and assistance in making this tournament possible.

We hope you and your students will join us virtually for this opening DANEIS speech tournament!

Karen Suchenski